

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim [1]9, wherein the effective amount is administered in more than one dose.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim [2]9 which comprises administering said bisphosphonate pamidronate by intravenous injection.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim [1]9, wherein the chronic spinal mechanical pain is of non-osteoporotic compression fracture origin.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim [1]9, wherein the effective amount of pamidronate bisphosphonate other than zoledronic acid ranges from about 0.5 to about 5.4 mg/kg of body weight.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently amended) A method of treating chronic spinal mechanical pain which comprises intravenously administering to a human subject in need of chronic spinal mechanical

pain relief an effective amount for relieving chronic spinal mechanical pain of pamidronate,  
wherein pamidronate provides prolonged pain relief, and the chronic spinal mechanical pain is  
relieved for at least three months following the administration of pamidronate~~The method of~~  
~~claim 1, wherein the bisphosphonate is pamidronate.~~

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim [10]9, which comprises administering the effective amount in a single dose.